Public and Tribal Notice
Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

Home Health Agency Low Utilization Payment Adjustment (LUPA) Rate Rebase

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The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), pursuant to the requirements outlined in 42 CFR 447.205 and 1902(a)(13)(A) of the Social Security Act, hereby gives notice of the following proposed action regarding its methods and standards for paying providers under the State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid).

Effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2017, the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) proposes to amend the Iowa Medicaid State Plan to rebase the reimbursement rates based on the calendar year (CY) 2017 Medicare low utilization payment adjustment (LUPA) rates with state geographic wage adjustments less 19.18%. A budget-neutrality factor of 19.18% will be applied to the CY 2017 Medicare LUPA rates to maintain Medical Assistance expenditures within the amounts appropriated by the Iowa General Assembly.

The IME is making this proposed change as required by the 87th session of the Iowa General Assembly in House File (HF) 653.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: This policy change is estimated to be budget-neutral to the Iowa Medicaid expenditures (total, state and federal funds) per year.

Copies of this notice are available at each county DHS office for public review. Additional information regarding this proposed amendment is available upon request at the address cited below.

Written comments may be sent to Jennifer Steenblock, Federal Compliance Officer, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, 100 Army Post Road, Des Moines, IA 50315. Comments may also be submitted to jsteenb@dhs.state.ia.us. Written and e-mailed comments must be received within 30 days from the publication date of this notice.

Any written comments may be reviewed by the public at the IME, 100 Army Post Road, Des Moines, IA, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.